

Market Access

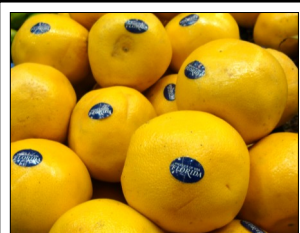
We monitor regional trade policy developments that affect U.S. agricultural trade. We work closely with our host countries to improve market access conditions for U.S. agricultural exports. We also work with local and regional West African institutions to ensure that they adopt agricultural and trade policies based on international standards and sound science.



U.S. poultry in the Gambia

Market Promotion

We aim to expand exports and/or demand of U.S. agricultural and food products in the West Africa region in collaboration with U.S. agricultural trade associations including the U.S. Wheat Associates, U.S. Grains Council, American Soybean Association, the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health, the U.S. Dry Bean Council, the American Peanut Council, the U.S. Rice Federation and the U.S. Poultry & Egg Export Council.



Florida grapefruit in Senegal

Market Intelligence

FAS provides exporters, policymakers and domestic stakeholders with first-hand agricultural analysis by reporting on the agricultural situation, by commodity, specific country, and region, including policy and market developments that affect food security and agricultural trade. They can be accessed from the USDA's Global Agriculture Information Network (GAIN) on the FAS website.



Reporting on West African cotton

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FFE provides a bowl of sorghum in Chad



FFPr supports women's gardens in Mali



FFPr supports farmer training in Mali

FAS Dakar

Regional Office for
Francophone
West Africa

Linking U.S. agriculture to the world

Our Global Mission

Linking U.S. agriculture to the world to enhance export opportunities and global food security

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is based in Washington, D.C. and serves as the lead United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) agency overseas, at the behest of the Secretary of Agriculture.

FAS represents U.S. agriculture through the promotion of science-based agricultural production and trade policies to improve food security, agricultural development and foreign market access for U.S. products. Our programs crosscut issues and serve diverse groups - from the most vulnerable households to scientific professionals.

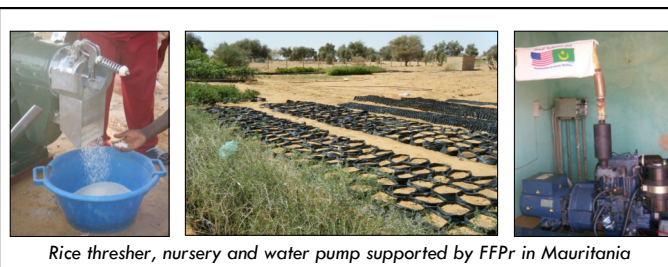
FAS staffs about 100 offices and covers nearly 160 countries. It has a total of 1,400 employees with about 500 overseas. FAS taps into the technical expertise of state departments of agriculture, research institutions, land grant universities, as well as USDA agricultural economists, marketing experts and specialists who monitor global developments.

West Africa Presence

FAS Dakar is USDA's regional office in francophone West Africa. It officially covers:



It may also be asked to cover:



Rice thresher, nursery and water pump supported by FFPr in Mauritania

International Development Cooperation, Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

We believe it is important to facilitate agricultural and economic development in order to build reliable trading partners. Therefore, we work to strengthen local and regional institutions, build trade capacity and transfer technology. We consider food security strategies, such as Feed The Future, and country investment plans as well as regional West African objectives. FAS Dakar helps manage and implement technical building activities to meet these objectives.

Principle programs include:

- **Cochran Fellowship Program**

The Cochran Fellowship provides U.S.-based training opportunities, lasting two weeks to one month, in agricultural trade, agribusiness development, management, policy, and marketing.

- **Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program**

The Borlaug Fellowship program provides researchers and policymakers with six to twelve weeks of scientific training and collaborative research opportunities in the latest developments in agricultural research and policy.

Other programs include:

- **Avian Influenza training and workshops**
- **Biotechnology seminars and scientific exchanges**
- **Embassy Science Fellows Program**
- **Faculty Exchange Program**
- **Food safety and CODEX alimentarius programs**
- **Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) training**

Food Assistance Programs

FAS Dakar works with other USDA departments, NGOs, and international organizations to implement a number of food aid agreements to improve food security and advance agricultural development.

- **Food for Progress (FFPr)**

FFPr donates American commodities government-to-government (Mauritania and Niger) and to NGOs, such as Africare (Senegal), AKF (Mali), CPI (Senegal), CRS (Niger), NCBA (Senegal), and IRD (Mali, Niger and the Gambia) that sell them to provide funds for activities such as water pumps, farmer training to increase yields, resource conservation and microfinance training. Total value for FFPr programs from FY 2005-2010 is \$99.4 million.*

- **McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program (FFE)**

FFE provides NGOs such as CPI (Senegal), CRS (Mali), IPHD (Guinea-Bissau), RI (Niger), and WFP (Chad and Cote d'Ivoire) with donations of U.S. agricultural commodities. In turn, these commodities are used to improve child and maternal nutrition, promote education and support school feeding projects. Total value for FFE programs from FY 2005-2010 is \$87.8 million.*



FFE promotes school attendance in Chad

- **Local and Regional Procurement Pilot Project (LRP)**

The project was authorized as a pilot program under the 2008 Farm Bill. It provides funds to procure local and regional food or distribute vouchers to address urgent food needs during and after food crises and disasters. The pilot project's agreement value from FY 2009-2011 is \$15.4 million for Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, and Niger.

*As of 11/30/2009, includes Title I funded programs